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Finally!

Falcons kick 36 game losing streak

by Ed McGill
Strobe Staff

The time clock had expired and the scoreboard read 33-7 in favor of the Fitchburg State Falcons. "The streak", that everyone and their mother was talking about in the past few weeks was finally over. The fans poured on to the field, as tears poured down head coach Dave Secino's face. "I'll tell you something," said Secino. "These kids have paid their dues, and now good things are going to be coming their way."

The scene was one of bedlam and joy. Students were hugging each other in the middle of the field. The players and coaching staff were all in tears as they paraded their beloved coach around on their shoulders. Security was busy keeping fans off the goalposts. The Falcons had won and the whole school intended to celebrate with the team.

"We knew we could put some points on the board," said sophomore quarterback Rich Leblanc. "And today we proved that." Leblanc's statement may well be the understatement of the year. After going into halftime tied at 7-7, the Falcons came out in the second half and dominated every aspect of the game.

Sophomore running back, John Mendes got things started with a 19 yard run on a critical third down conversion. This set the stage for a spectacular 35 yard pass from Leblanc to Brian James, setting up a one yard touchdown run for Jim Lord.

Southeastern Massachusetts University came right back, driving down to the FSC four yard line. The Falcon defense held strong for three plays and SMU was faced with fourth down and goal to goal. SMU quarterback Paul Murphy dropped back to pass and spotted an open receiver in the end zone. He fired the ball and in stepped FSC safety Vin Bennincasa. Bennincasa intercepted Murphy's pass and returned it 96 yards for the touchdown (the FSC record for the longest interception return

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The President addresses faculty and staff

by Lisa Amaral and Wendy Rich
Strobe staff

Have you heard that school may be closed for two weeks? Or maybe that the school is closing in November for good? Or did you hear about the strike? Well don't believe a word!! They are all rumors. President Mara spoke to faculty and administration last Wednesday to dispel any myths that have been spread throughout campus these past few weeks about the budget crisis.

Aside from addressing the rumors, Mara also discussed the facts about the crisis state schools are facing this year. He advised and encouraged faculty to allow students to miss class on Wednesday, October 18th to participate in the student rally at the State House. "I want this place (FSC) to have representatives in massive numbers at the rally," stated Mara. Mara also reminded everyone that Crop Day is also on Wednesday so the buses will be leaving from Boston between 2-3 p.m. so that students may participate in Crop Day.

This budget crisis is very complicated. There are so many factors involved that most people may not understand. "To be blunt, the situation we are in is critical," said Mara.

Mara explained that there is a $1.2 million short fall or about a 13-15 percent reduction in Fitchburg State's budget this year. This meant that Mara had to institute three major cuts.

The first cut has already been instituted. This involves a hiring freeze of all departments. No one leaving a position on this campus will be replaced for at least a year. The second cut has eliminated any spending for new equipment. FSC isn't going to see any new equipment anywhere on campus for at least a year. Also, daily office supplies are now on a "ration basis," from the stock room. The final cut will not be in effect until next semester. This cut has eliminated 99 percent of all part-time faculty. This means that 62 classes (1,500 seats) will be eliminated and class sizes will increase next semester.

All of these measurements do not even come close to the percentage of the budget that needs to be cut. In addition to the $100 crisis fee students have been paying for two semesters now, there will be a $200-250 increase on next semester's tuition bill. "Next year will be worse than this. There will be a 10 percent budget reduction and that's a hell of a lot of money," stated Mara.

Next year there will be no graduate assistants on campus at all and new student enrollment at FSC will be reduced by 300. This reduction in the student body will hurt the student government'sand athletic budgets because not as many students will be paying their fees to support these activities.

Mara feels that state colleges are being asked to contribute more than their fair share of money into the state budget. The legislature, Mara explained, believes that state colleges are a "bargain" and students can afford to pay more to attend. These increases are a "grossly, grossly unfair amount," said Mara."I again apologize. It is not a happy time for us. We are still number one and we are going to get through this," said Mara in his closing statements.

First SGA meeting has surprise visitor

by Maria Mewing
Strobe staff

Arriving slightly before the scheduled council was to begin, President Mara requested the chance to address the Student Government Association on the issue of the recently announced budget cuts. With a grave coutenance, Mara told council members and observers that the Dukakis admistration has asked that five percent of all state college budgets be cut immediately.

He continued to say that this would mean $900,000 returned from FSC alone, with another $300,000 possibly cut within the next month. Mara stated his purpose for disrupting the scheduled agenda, was to alert student leadership of the dire straits public higher education faces. He requested funding from the SGA for busses to transport students to the State House to attend a rally on October 18th. He, and the 27 other state college presidents feel this would be an effective public outcry from the people who would be hurt the most.

Thanking him for his half hour address, SGA President Bill McCarty called the first meeting to order, welcoming all members and observers back.

Executive reports were made by all branches of the SGA and consisted of: Finance Committee calling for the presence of all class treasurers to regularly attend its meetings, the Neighborhood Committee stating that the Fitchburg residents' main concern is the amount of late night screaming from students, a seminar at Mt. Wachusett for the Board of Trustees, and the Public Information Officer announcing Freshman elections.

The student trustee took time during his report to comment on the chance to reinvigorate SGA's leadership role by work on the rally. He strongly urged all present to utilize this opportunity to make up for what had been viewed as lack of action last year.

Several motions were brought before council at this opening session. Most were calls for appointment of individuals to certain posts. Approvals went to Brian Connell; Executive Treasurer, Robert S. Buckley; Executive Secretary, Timothy Liptrap; Commuter's Board President, Mary Daly: Commuter's Board Vice President, Thomas Mullings; Commuter's Board Representative, James Buckley; Commuter's Board Representative, Derrick McKercher; Commuter's Board Representative, Lynn Clifford; Treasure of Class of 1990 and Clifford also assumed voting powers for Donna Ventry for the Fall semester. Lastly, Paul Dawson was unanimously passed as the new chairperson of Programs Committee.

The FSC SGA received input from three members of the Worcester State College SGA, in regard to their funding of busses to the rally in Boston. The WSC SGA submitted a unanimously passed motion by their council, permitting an established "rivalry" between FSC and WSC.

The session finally concluded at 8:30 p.m. If all which transpired occurs, it would seem that students at FSC will have the opportunity of being publicly heard at the State House, meet newly proposed "rivals" from Worcester State, and get to see friends and acquaintances from across the Commonwealth.

SGA meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in G-04 and G-05.

Career Services offers steps toward success

by Wendy Rich
Strobe staff

Most people think Career Services is only for job placement. Well, there's certainly more to it than that.

Career Services is unlike professional placement agencies that help people find a job. These agencies cost thousands of dollars and are more interested in placing people in a job rather than educating the person in helpful job hunting skills and an appropriate career. Career Services, on the other hand, "is interested in helping students make a career choice that fits who they are. We also want to help students learn appropriate strategies to find jobs throughout their whole life, not just for one job hunt," explains Douglas Sherman, Director of Career Services.

There are many approaches Career Services takes when dealing with each student. In most cases, however, the first step is a discussion with Sherman to evaluate the students values, skills and interests to see which career direction is best for them. If the student is unsure, Sherman may offer some career assessment inventory tests to explore their possibilities.

Some students discover they have stronger skills in a field other than their major and panic because they are going to graduate soon and do not have time to change majors. Sherman and the student look at

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Biology club cleans up local brook Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

Career Services

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these skills and relate them to the current job market to see where the student may be most successful.

Career Services has many informative resources available to all students. For example, SIGI PLUS is a career exploration computer system that asks students a series of questions about their values, skills and interests. SIGI will then suggest a career field to match the person. Also, Career Services has a well stocked career library and offers workshops as well as private counseling sessions to all students. There is also a Job Bulletin published biweekly. This bulletin compiles available positions for all FSC majors in their respective career world. Anyone can subscribe to the Job Bulletin at a very minimal cost. "We want students to be assertive and active in their job search, not passive," believes Sherman.

Announcements...

The Commuter's Board is looking for EMTs. Any interested persons should contact Tim at box # 4064.

The Geography Club is having a "Cape Hatteras Social" on Thursday, October 19th at 1:30 in McKay 241. All are welcome. Come and join us as we take a look back at our past adventures and future expeditions.

Free tutoring is now availabe, in many subjets, at the tutorial center room 305 Hammond Building, ext.3427. The center is open Monday through Friday 9:30 - 4:30.

International Artists Series presents renowned Moscow Vituosi in Mechanics Hall on October 21 at 8PM. For more information call Jennifer Weininger (508) 752-4796.

The Strobe encourages all readers to express their views in any issue. The following are guidelines for submissions:

1. All submissions are to be typed and double spaced.
2. Letters to the editor must include the writer's name. If the writer wishes to remain anonymous, the Strobe will withhold the name. However, the name must still be included in the letter.
3. Commentaries and letters must be no more than 450 words in length and are subject to editing.
4. News and announcements from clubs should be no more than a few paragraphs.
5.The deadline for articles is every Monday, one week before the Wednesday publication date.

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FEATURES

The New Halls add attractive architecture to the campus Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

New Halls: new living experience

by Bridget Douillette

Strobe staff

"WELCOME, IT'S FINALLY DONE!" These are the words to a sign in Building one of the new dormitories. Contrary to its name, this building was the last of seven to be completed for the 1989 fall semester. This community of residence halls is the newest real estate on the Fitchburg State College campus. For those unaware, they are located on Highland Ave. and have been dubbed the "New Halls."

I accompanied a resident assistant (RA) on one of his one and a half hour rounds, in order to get a look at the buildings. That's the average amount of time the RA's take completing their rounds, spending most of it climbing steps. The first thing I noticed was the new smell in each of the buildings, kind of like that smell in department stores.The buildings smelled of new carpets and new furniture. Everything there is new, especially the living experience. I can't say it's just like Herlihy Hall or Aubuchon Hall. I can't say they look just like the townhouses, and I can't say that Russell Towers is their sister building. The New Halls are one of a kind, yet if you take a closer look, you will see a little bit of each of the existing residence halls in them. They have Russell's suite style rooms, Aubuchon's style of lounges, Herlihy's silence, and townhouse structure.

The students who live in these New Halls are challenged with a new living experience everyday. They are people who must learn to be responsible for themselves. They do not have a cleaning crew to pick up after their Thursday night escapades, or late night homework sessions with visits from the pizza man. They have to clean the bathrooms, and take out their own trash. They also have to be in charge of their own safety, because there are no front desk monitors where visitors have to be signed in. And there is no scheduled surveillance of people going in and out. Yes, folks, I'm talking about being responsible. If you ask me, it's a wonderful opportunity to experience community living coupled with mutual chores.

Brian L'Ecuyer, the Resident Director at the New Halls feels that the students have "handled it beautifully" by being responsible for their living space. He also states that the residents have "risen to the challenge" of this new living experience.

Steve Tulli, the RA in building two, feels that there is a "closer environment" in the New Halls. Steve has also lived in Russell Towers and Herlihy Hall before moving into the New Halls. He stated that "there is more interaction and more opportunity for closer friendships."

Accompanying him on his round, I had the opportunity to speak with some of the residents. Betsy Birch, who once lived in Aubuchon says it is "quieter and easier to do homework." Janet Benson, a sophomore who lived in Russell Towers her freshman year agrees that it is more quiet and that it is easier to study. "They need more parking areas," says Mark Christoffels, one of the single room dwellers. It seems that the parking area behind Buildings four and five are for faculty only.

A visitor from Russell Towers commented that the workmanship was shoddy. I tend to agree with this comment because on a visit to The New Dorms, at the beginning of the semester, I looked up at the ceiling in building four only to find a large hole.

The New Halls aren't without problems. On the second day of being open, building two ran into a big mess. The construction workers had forgotten to uncap a sewer pipe leading to Building two after having tested it. The result was a sewage back up in the basement bathrooms and showers. The mess, however, was cleaned up as quickly as possible.

A question was raised about the location of buildings six and seven, and whether or not they were removed from the rest of the buildings. The response from Brian L'Ecuyer was no. There is a newsletter that reaches every building which helps keep all the buildings connected. He also discussed the commons building, which is where the laundry machines and the information desk is located. "So everyone has to go through there at some point," Brian stated.

If you get a chance, take a walk through the grounds in the New Halls area, and go take a look and see for yourself. Check out the new estate at FSC and get a glimpse at a new living experience.

Read The Strobe

Every Wednesday!

Steakman: the man behind the meat

by Christine Houle

Strobe staff

Everyone at Fitchburg State College knows who Steakman is, right? But do you know who he really is?

Steakman's real name is Paul Cioffi. For those who don't know, he sells food in a parking lot by the commuter rail from 10:30PM until approximately 3:30AM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. He is best known for his steak and cheese grinders, but he also sells steak salads, sausage and cheese grinders, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, cheesedogs, and hotdogs.

Steakman has been in business for about nine years. Cioffi explained that his friends had started the business years ago, and when they had had enough, he decided to take over. "I like everything about it except the hours," claims Cioffi. Another source of income for Cioffi is provided by landscaping, and in his spare time, he enjoys the company of his three German Shepherds.

Steakman is open all year, except during his vacation in February. "It's a nice time to relax and get away," he commented.

His busiest night is Friday while the slowest night is Thursday. In one weekend Cioffi goes through 150 to 200 pounds of steak that have been purchased from the Hilltop Restaurant in Saugus, which unfortunately causes him to use a full tank of gas every weekend.

Cioffi has three FSC students to help him; Marybeth Philbin, Mike Pelland, and Shawn Keating. Chamb Meehan and Scott Spyropoulos, both from Fitchburg, are also helpers.

Meehan and the others help out when it's busy. "I take orders, make salads, cut the grinder rolls, and make sure everything is organized in the truck," stated Meehan.

Meehan met Cioffi about two years ago, when he was a senior at Fitchburg High School. He had met "Steakman" in the parking lot one night because he was hungry and nothing else was open. After that night he never stopped going and eventually just started helping out.

FSC students have different reasons for coming back to Steakman. One student admitted that it was the social aspect, while another had noted that the steak was just like heaven. Jeff Lazzarino and Mike Mooney, sophomores at FSC enjoy Steakman because it's open late and has the best food around. "We'd be willing to wait hours for a steak," commented Lazzarino. They also stated that "it's a good meal at a good price."

The one thing everyone must say about Steakman, besides the food, is that he has a great memory. "His memory is unbelievable," according to Meehan. "If he is given twenty orders, he can remember the orders, who they are for, and in what order they were taken." Cioffi modestly stated, "It comes with experience because I've been doing it for so long."

Mohawk club celebrates 65th anniversary

by Carrie Viens

Strobe staff

The Mohawk Club here at Fitchburg State College celebrates their 65th anniversary this year and what better way could there be to celebrate, than to be allowed back on campus after six years of not being recognized by the college.

There are numerous rumors circulating about why the Mohawks were banned from campus. The truth, however, is that approximately six years ago, a pledge's mother saw a mark on her son's body that had been obtained during pledging. This mark was illegal and the mother had grounds for a law suit against the college. The school was in great legal jeopardy, so to distance themselves from a liability suit, the Mohawks had their campus rights revoked.

Last year Dana Harrington, then President of the Mohawk Club, headed a campaign to convince President Mara and his administrative staff to allow the club back on campus. In order for Mara to make a decision, the Mohawks had to discuss what they do during pledging and offer some possible amendments.

The primary concern was for the club to discontinue that part of pledging that almost invoked a law suit six years ago. Both sides agreed it would be discontinued.

According to Dana Harrington, "Society's views towards pledging has changed. In the 50's and 60's, public paddling was allowed. In recent years, people have died because of hazing. Things are definitely changing. If fraternities and sororities don't change their views on pledging they will eventually become extinct. They must conform to society's views to survive." The Mohawk Club has been allowed back on campus on a one year probation term. They will be evaluated at the end of the spring semester in 1990 by a board consisting of two students, two administrators and two faculty members. The Mohawks and the administration will each pick one person for each group. The board will make a recommendation to President Mara, but the final decision will be his.

The recommendation will be based on what the club has contributed to the school and community, and whether or not the proper changes have been made in the pledging process. In order to do this, the club needed to ask themselves the questions "who are we?" and "where are we going?." They have come up with new goals and new methods to achieve them.

The club is forming an academic scholarship to be named after an alumni who has made outstanding contributions to the college. They will also be holding forums on campus that will aid the student body.

As far as pledging goes, changes are being made. Harrington adds that, "Physical abuse isn't as important. We want people to be in the club who are going to do something to better it and succeed academically as well."

All clubs and societies on this campus and across the nation are going to have to change if they want to survive. They must realize where they stand and what they want to achieve.

The Strobe assumes no responsibility for comments in this section.

PERSONALS

Personals are 35 cents and a Personals table is set up every Wednesday in G-Lobby.

Fill out a personal to bust on your roommate, serenade your current love interest, or just to make a social statement. 35 cents each, Wednesdays, G-Lobby.

Maria L
Are we high enough yet? Does "B" really stand for Bubbles? Don't ask!
Love, Krissy

Don't worry Miss Walton, once EMT Moriarty drives you to the hospital in her ambulance, Dr. Clark and Dr. O'Brien will perform CPR.

D-Coy,
Are the sex stories you told us about Wendy true? Let's hope Stacey doesn't find out about Partner's Pub! Any hickies?
Diamond

Jack comes back, Sus says, "why, I never knew he was gone."

Attention #22,
When I bend your sister over, her butt spells wow!

Attention #22
The coaching staff is trying to find a position you can play on the football team? It seems the bench needs sanding.

Mike P #77
Please come clean and just tell everyone about your impotence with M.B. O.
The FSC Student Body

Mike P. #77
Please wipe your chin Coach Secino left a load on it from your last coaching meeting.
P.S. Friday at 11 p.m. at the tailor shop?

Mike P. #77
Congrats on your first homosexual experience with that newly acquired lover. Decoy #22

Colleen,
Who has short hair?
Linda

Kevin,
Butterfly's and Eskimo's
Y

You know who Don Henley is! You have one of his tapes you Bozo!

Dear Coach Buck,
I couldn't withstand being without you for so long. These two days were hell. See you at the GALA meeting tonight.
Luv, Jack C. #1

165 Myrtle Ave.
(Alais Righteous Sea Hags) I understand u gals have some type of rope. It must b in whip form knowing how Ro likes to get whipped.

Hey Michelle,
Do you pahk the cah in Hahvahd yahd now?
From the Loseh

Everyone is welcome to the Loveshack.
T.H. 403

To Rich and Corey
Roses are red, violets are blue, if we want the AIDS Hotline, we will get it from you.
CCGALSPH

Smile Sheron.
Love, Jen

Mike,
Thanks for everything. I love you!
Jen

If anyone has AIDS, I know the crew, it's Johnny Depp and Goobh too. Let's not forget Jeffrey G. and Steve T. because at 153 there's every STD.
Funny...

Erin,
How's Jack? off? Did you rip his b's off or did you just twist 'til they turned blue.
ALA

Erin this is for you and the horse you rode in on.
-Lea & Karen

Erin, Do you wear briefs or a chastity belt with your lingerie. Oh I forgot, you don't own any. Payback is a b****.
-Ka

No Rich,
Actually, I can't marry you!

Hey 111 Myrtle,
What's that on your neck?

155 Snow,
Here's an apology for what was written about you guys. 155 Snow has the sweetest girls on campus.
153 Snow

Diamond Dave,
Don't do me like that.

Janine C,
What happened to our date? I'm wearing my glasses every day .. how can i please you?

Pam and Kelly,
"We are woman, hear us roar.."

Karen,
Pub Monday nite if I have to drag you kicking and screaming!

4 top reasons for Jack to come back: 1. Team showers 2. Missed his tight jock 3. Needs to feel wanted 4. Has the haircut.

Rumor: Jack comes back on his hands and knees to the delight of Coach Buck.

Jack,
how's it feel to come back with your tail between your legs?
iron M

Jaco,
Let's go for a ride, ambulances seem to be dope! Maybe the crutches

will get us around fine.
Stinkborn

Kathy,
Should I be jealous yet?
Scooz

Guys at 111 Myrtle
We hear Rich's is having a sale on turtlenecks.
Love, Hoover and Eurecka

Hey Boobie,
Hi! Thank you for all of you from all of me.
Love, Baby

Grossberger World Tour 1989. Talk to Steve Meuse for details.

To the AL9 Girls
Thanx for listening to me, you guys are okay I guess.
Unsociable Julia

To Kevin and Steve
You can cook supper for us anytime! Thanks!
C and C

To Christine and Kevin,
Has it been a whole month? Wow! I'm impressed!
Carol

Gige,
If you don't start hitting somebody, Charlene is going to hit you!
Love, Coach Keg-h

Leen,
Where should I say you are if your dad calls?
Oatmeal

Julie's Sex Hotline! Call 348-1784 or stop by TH 602.
155 Snow

Diamond,
How does it feel to lose to Pete K, you stud!
The Boys

Justin,
See you in about 15-20 years.
Love, WWA

Mochanator the Master-bator
Marines do pushups in cucumber patches lear to play the drums you tool.
Stonehenge

Karen,
You were forewarned about McDick! Now will you believe me?
Erin

Gige,
And our second trick will be... PROJECTILE VOMITING!!

Jack,
Just because you are my good friend, why don't you come down and I'll do some headstands.

To the hottest four sigmas on campus. Watch out!
Love your sister

Mike,
I think you're confused, the direction-it goes: 1.Large 2.Medium 3.Small 4.Pellegri

Burnesy
You are tho thekthy!

Kristin
So long to Puerto Rico.
Diamond

Michelle L
Where is the Parmesean Cheese?

Trick or Treat, John H. smell your feet, I want something good to eat.

Lisa P.
Hang in there, things will get better. I know...Dave.
Love ya, Lisa

Watch out girls of FSC, DC and the Squid are the Two Live Crew back in effect.
Signed, the MOHAWK POSSE

Rhonda C.
Don't worry kid, i'll park my sign in your backyard anyday.
Love, Dan

Miss Reed,
I'm taken, sorry.
Mike

Kathleen
How many people can you sleep with and not scoop?
Leachie

Christine,
Next time I'm drunk, there will be no videotaping and no phone calls(you should know about that)!
Erin

Lucy,
McCrorey's is #1!

Steve L
I miss seeing you.
Love, Fitz

Kathy H.
I love you. Please go out with me.
Anonymous

Beth,
We didn't know bathing after hours was so much fun. But we don't think we'll try it.
-E & N

Jay D-
Who's the blonde on the 5th floor of Russell?

Leo-
Do you want to boil again?

Morabito stein,
Thanks for blowing me off, and t. think i once liked you.-HA!
-Your ex-friend, lover, sex slave Jeff

Jazz,
You sexual dynamo. Hubba Hubba...

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Hey Crowley,
bend over and crack me a smile. It's great rooming with you...You're great in the shower!
-Please me

Christine and Kristin,
What the heck? Moo, quack or oink!?
-Tina

Christine,We never did get our chance to be "tagged-in"! However, there's still hope! I hope! What do you think?
Love Tina

Erin,
My name's Tina not "Sheena"! Got it?
-Tina

Gigey poo,
Sorry about the projectile vomitting incident that happened at your house. Sorry i missed your birthday party.

Michelle
What's that big white stain that's always on the back of your pants? Powder? oh ya, that's it, powder.

Amy & Cheryl,
Did you lock the door? Stop the zones!
Luv Ya, Boobsie I & Boobsie II

9th floor girls,
We are D.A.C.K.K.T.L. forever!

Dave,
You are going down for the 8 count. Watch out for my left one coming your way. I miss you.
-Kristin

Paula,
Excuse me, do you have any Grey Poupon?

TO ALL SINGLE GIRLS AT FSC WHO NEVER GET CARNATIONS:
IT'S NOT BECAUSE NOBODY CARES, IT'S BECAUSE THE SINGLE MEN AT FSC ARE CHEAP!!

Matt C.-
Do you know that you are wonderful?
-M

To the females of AR 8-
You are the best, i'm proud to be a part of it. Everyone's so close. It's a party all the time.
Love ya, Lynn Marie

Gige,
You went from large toilet to tiny melons. What's next, vow helmet? i think the juice is affecting your brain. It definitely affected your cone size.
Love, Laina

Gige,
Stay away from our suite. You're a loser. Think twice before you cut us up!
B5

Matt C.
How about playing in the library with me?
-Michelle

Z,
Here's to one last semester at FSC. Guess we have the depot days to thank for all this. Could you describe the Ruckus?
Kath

Scooz,
Don't forget we still have clarkes to conquer now that the tent is closed. How come you always come out a winner at the Charlie horse?
-Kath

Gige-poo,
Oh I mean HANS. i can't wait for you to pump me up!
Love ya, K.

Fluff,
Put on some Stevie B.. We'll be dancing soon!-Frankie

Michaelangelo,
Don't make me over.. choc. bun. so..

Five reasons he dumped me. 1. shade. 2. things going too fast. 3. I'm back with the team. 4. i think we should see other people. 5. It's me not you..

Erin,
Have the brows met yet?
-Kristin

Marybeth,
is it really like sitting on a mattress!

Erin,
You've got diamonds coming out your *ss! i think you better ask Mr. Whipple what to do about it!
-Lip

To my men of AL8,
What can i say. Thanks for being you. Look forward to fun things soon.
-Lynn Marie

To the women of BL8,I know i can be distant, but not for long. Look for lots of fun things from me soon.
Lynn Marie

Michelle & Mattie,
You guys are the best friends I could have. Thanks for pulling me through some bad times.
-Lynn Marie

Maureen,
How about some red Jello? And whats with all the sparks in DAKA?
-Maria & Cathy

Hey Renee,
I say your man today What's his name?

Lia,
X. Her's the letter you wanted.
-likka

Suzanne,
You know, you could try to find me.
I

CM,
You are a neurotic witch! Get a grip!

Sue D,Um. Um.. I just um turned um, um, 21 on Saturday um..and oh yah Sevig's #1
Mike

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PERSONALS

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M.C. Ice Tea-
Interested in a cold Sunkist Grape Crush between good friends?
RB & DJ

Tina
While keeping an eye on Jim we'll be keeping an eye on your pom-poms. "We love you"
J.C., J.P., M.M., M.W.

Tina and Shannon
When do the annual "ice fittings" start. For applications call Joe & Marino.

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Joe C-
How were the "crabs" you had for supper Friday night? Make sure you wash our underwear before returning it. Forget it. Just burn them.
Gotcha Ed M.

WARNING: Jack & Vera say: Laugh now but you're going to burn.

Lia,
You wish this was a love note, don't you!

Betty,
We know that you have a night burglar sweatshirt. Jordan Marsh is launching the line next Christmas. You fashion maven!

Dukie-
Yuck

Dukie
my people, face the fact. I'm more popular than you.

To all you coke-heads on the 7th floor: Thanks for your support.
-Clueless

Jenn (Clarky),
Why don't you invite him over a few more times for dinner! So is he part of the family yet?
-Mich

Sal,
Sorry I didn't call you last year.
-Tom

KA,
No more drunken phone calls! There will be no Chastity belts worn to the Elton John Concert on Oct. 20th!!
ALA

Could anyone tell me why they call you Mickey?

Steve L
Shut that water off! Now! By the way, do you have our broom?

Tina,
Remember, guys suck, none of them are worth the time of day (unless they treat you like crap-ha ha).
Erin

Ilkka,
You know where to stick that letter! Love always, Lia

Big Jim,
Where's the cash?
Gonad

Kristy,
Crack some shins, let's see some blood.
CX

ACA Joe,
Yeh, you know who you are you commuting fool.
Oscar

Tiny Melons,
look out for tiny crabs.
Gige

To the sexy guys of C5
All my love!
Paula Abdul

Kristin,
Did you feel like "Ralphing" Saturday night?
Erin

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Lauri
Will you please fix my pants. I still care for you! Honestly.
John

Corey,
Are you a senior or a freshman? Leave the young ones alone (Shannon,Erin).
Ruxpins

Alys and Jeanne,
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Faith,
You're right, I am cheap. But here's a .35 Personal. Will You marry me???
-Mr. Wonderful

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Leah,
How's Cahill? Does he like six packs too?

Pizza Lady,
Wanna smear some more pizza on me?
Tony

Andrea,
You are the hottest woman on campus! Be my real milk chocolate in my halloween bag. We love you.
-Biff & Skip

To the Flynnster
November is an eternity away. How's your hormones?

Shannon R-
Dan ignored you. Quinny used you. Mike abused you. But Cory? That's nasty. Who's next? The girl next door?
Your Aubochon Roomies

Gige,
For a special teams scrub, you have a first string mouth.
B5

Congratulations to the new ESO's and Gav's.
Love, The Philos

Jim,
Just to let you know I'm thinking of you! Smile!
Paula

To all Lenny's everywhere,
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Mr. Big delivers an evening in Paradise

by Valerie Allgrove
Strobe staff

Mr. Big is the name of Billy Sheehan's new rock band. Sheehan was last seen playing bass for David Lee Roth, remember? However, domestic squabbles caused him to leave the band just prior to the release of the album *Skyscraper*.

Those of you who saw the following tour may remember that Roth hired Matt Bissonette to play on stage but the bass guitar on the album was pure Billy Sheehan.

Billy on Bass; I've always liked alliteration, but the fact is that the man has a reputation for being a killer bass player. Originally in Talas, Sheehan moved to playing with Roth, and now has formed Mr. Big.

When rumors started floating around the music industry that Sheehan was forming his own band, not too many people doubted that he would be able to get signed to a record label. The question in many minds was, who was good enough and fast enough to play lead guitar with him? In David Lee Roth's band, Sheehan's low notes had been matched by the virtuoso playing of Steve Vai (now playing with Whitesnake).

The problem was solved when 22 year old Paul Gilbert met with Sheehan over Chinese food in downtown Los Angeles. Gilbert had been playing with RACER X, a band whose name is synonymous with speedy transitions and high flying notes.

Along with Eric Martin on vocals and Pat Torpey on drums, the lineup was set. Not too much later Mr. Big signed the dotted line with Atlantic records.

On October 5th, Mr. Big performed at Boston's Paradise club. Fortunately I was there, although I did not appreciate waiting outside for over an hour after the doors were supposed to open.

Not surprisingly, the show was sold out, which meant the place was packed. I quickly found a place at one of the railings so that "Ms. Not-So-Big" could see over the heads and hairspray of all the tall bass fanatics who crowded towards the stage.

The best songs from the set were "Wind Me Up," "Addicted To That Rush," and "Take A Walk." The musicians were excellent, but what really made the show for me was Eric Martin's voice.

I wasn't familiar with Martin before experiencing him fronting for Mr. Big. He was everywhere on stage, dancing, gesturing, and leaning over into the audience. He's practically the ideal singer/performer in my book.

Martin never seemed to run out of breath, no matter what his antics demanded. His clear, expressive voice made the songs stand out. With his boyish good looks he easily looks younger than Gilbert, rather than his actual 28 years. His veteran status showed up clearly as he held his own with three top-notch musicians, making it all look like great fun.

After the show the entire band came down into the bar area and were kind enough to sign autographs. Although tired, they seemed happy to meet people, taking the time to greet old friends as well as thrill some new acquaintances.

Billy Sheehan was well-known in the Boston scene during his days with Talas. With electric shows like this one and friendly relations with fans, Mr. Big should get a warm reception each time they stop in Beantown.

Graham Chapman dies at 48

by Stephen Gomes
Strobe staff

As the years pass by, only a few individual names have been able to retain their popularity and respect despite having physically departed this planet. Fortunately, Graham Chapman is one of those names.

Graham Chapman made up one sixth of one of the most creative comedy teams of all time, Monty Python. Although there were six members, each and every member equally contributed to Monty Python's creative and inspirational comedy, making their extraordinary satirical exploits world renowned.

Chapman, 48, died of throat cancer on October 4th, 1989. A chain smoker for a number of years, Chapman had undergone successful treatments for his cancer earlier this year, and was expected to return to work this summer. He was surrounded by the remaining members of Monty Python at the time of his death. Only three weeks earlier, Chapman and the remaining members of Monty Python had recorded a television special to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Chapman attended Cambridge University, beginning his career as a physician until Monty Python formed in 1968. For over 15 years Monty Python comically explored the many facets of human existence. Their unique, almost "insane" style of comedy extended from their fascinatingly satirical look at religion (*Life of Brian*) to their extraordinary skit "I'd like to have an argument," which aired during their live appearance at the Hollywood Bowl in 1982.

Chapman will be remembered by his fans as the imperialistic King Arthur in *In Search Of The Holy Grail*, as Collin "Bomber" Harris: the wrestler who wrestled against himself, as the innocent yet evangelical 'Brian' in *Life Of Brian*, and as one of the best impersonators of the Python women. Graham Chapman has left us with the same thing he gave us: a smile.

Aerosmith pumps out new album

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

With the release of *Pump*, Aerosmith's latest album proves that some things never change...and some things never should. *Pump* makes use of the hard rock edge Aerosmith helped originate in the late 70's. The same driving sound can be found on *Pump* that can also be found on such classic Aerosmith albums as *Toys in the Attic* and *Rock in a Hard Place*.

It is difficult to praise this album; not because it's bad, but because it's so outstanding. Aerosmith has managed, at last, to recapture the sound that made them so popular over a decade ago. The lead vocals of Steven Tyler are definitely one of the most original and talented in the hard rock business. A band with Tyler at the helm cannot fail.

Aerosmith is not complete without the guitar wizardry of Joe Perry. If you have any doubts about Perry's talent, tune in to his work on the *Pump* album, specifically the tracks entitled "Monkey on my Back" and "VooDoo Medicine Man." Joe Perry defines guitar as an art, and he does his best to be a Picasso.

Brad Whitford, Aerosmith's unsung guitarist, makes his mark on the *Pump* album. The album would be incomplete without his work combined with Perry's.

Joey Kramer once again proves he is one of the elite hard rock drummers. Although Perry and Tyler are usually considered the major factors in Aerosmith's success, I feel the band would be at quite a loss without Kramer.

Tom Hamilton is one of the unsung masters of bass guitar. The talent of Hamiltonis showcased on the *Pump* album, especially on "Love in an Elevator."

It's always a pleasure to hear Aerosmith play, especially on the *Pump* album. Outstanding tracks include "F.I.N.E.," "Monkey on my Back," "Janie's Got a Gun," "Don't Get Mad, Get Even," "VooDoo Medicine Man," and the album's single ballad, "What It Takes."

If you've heard the single, "Love in an Elevator" and liked it, then pick up *Pump*. You won't be disappointed!

'Comix' Forum

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

Due to the financial success of the movie **Batman**, sales in the comic book industry have skyrocketed. This column will discuss the latest releases from the major comic book companies, as well as discuss the best new investments.

Finally, Marvel's *Scorpio Connection* graphic novel, starring Nick Fury and Wolverine, has been released. It contains some of Howard Chaykin's best artwork to date. Check it out. Keep an eye out for DC's *Arkham Asylum* graphic album, starring Batman and his greatest enemies. A must for Batman fans! For those interested in an investment, pick up *Predator* from Dark Horse Comics. Prices are skyrocketing, so move fast. Word on the DC scene is that there will be a new Robin to replace Jason Todd. At Marvel, Walt Simonson takes over the script and pencils for the *Fantastic Four*. Rob Liefield takes over the art chores on *The New Mutants*. Watch for a new series, *The New Warriors*, to follow from Marvel's Acts of Vengeance storyline.

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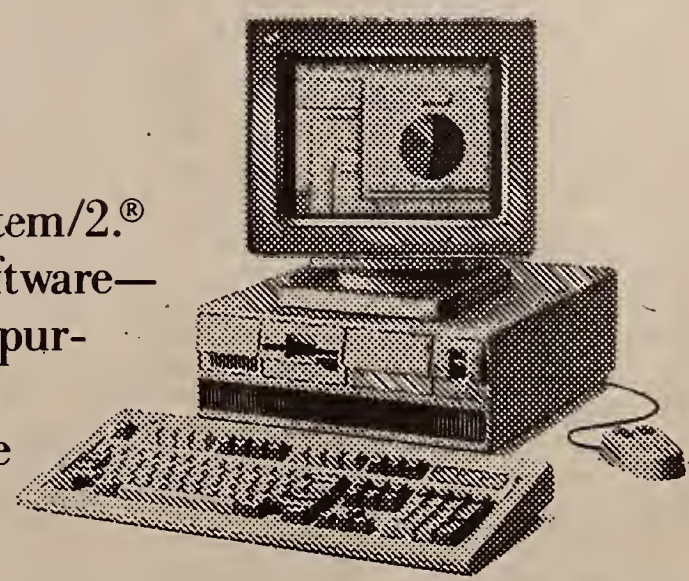

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SPORTS

Falcons win

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ever). The crowd went berserk, and the Falcons could just cruise from there. Wide receiver Brian James (2 catches for 117 yds.) said jokingly of Bennincasa's interception, "Vinnie is alright! He can't catch a thing in practice, but he sure can bring it home come game time."

The Falcons scored another two touchdowns in the final 14 minutes to put the finishing touches on a victory that had eluded so many for a long time. Senior captain Butch Nadeau could sense the victory was near. "This is great," said Nadeau. "We knew we were going to do it, and we did. I'm just going to go home and cry for a while."

Coach Secino didn't wait to get home. The teary eyed head coach planned to celebrate in a quiet place with his family. "This really feels wonderful," explained Secino. "The attention the streak was causing was driving us nuts. We had to get it out of the way." At games end, the players dunked what was thought to be a jug of Gatorade over the coaches head. "Gatorade? Are you kidding?," joked Secino. "We can't afford Gatorade on our budget. That was just cold water. Really cold water!"

For senior linebacker Roger Harvey, this was his first win period. "The only organized football I've ever played is with Fitchburg State," explains Harvey. "This is my first victory ever and it's the greatest feeling in the world."

Sentiments were coming from non-football players as well. FSC Director of Athletics Elizabeth Kruczek said, "They really deserve this victory. They are what Fitchburg State College is all about. Alot of hard work, and never giving up."

Joe Crowley, die-hard fan and new residence halls president, stated, "They better call Fort Devens and have the National Guard lined up on Myrtle Street. We are going to party tonight!" That may be another great understatement, for when the team arrived back at the college on their bus, students were gathered in front of Aubuchon, hanging out of dorm windows, and parading around in their cars all showing their appreciation for the teams great play.

So as the campus readies itself for a night of nuclear partying, one can hope that the Fitchburg State football team has once again started a streak. A winning streak.

Martin appointed intramurals director

by David Walsh
Strobe staff

Fitchburg State College's Intramural program has grown increasingly popular in the last few years. More students wish to get involved in physical activities and many get involved because of the limited number of spaces on intercollegiate teams. One man has been designated to coordinate this growing phenomenon at FSC. His name is George Martin.

Martin was appointed to the position of Intramural Director in August. He is no stranger to athletics at FSC having been the assistant coach of the women's basketball team for the past two seasons. He also taught science at Athol High School for four years and physical education at Murdock High School for three years.

Martin notes that intramurals are generally successful based on the number of students who get involved. "As long as students are interested, we will try to get as many programs going as possible," said Martin.

The recent problems of the football field have not only hurt the intercollegiate sports programs, but the intramurals as well. Flag football, normally a fall sport, may be shifted to the spring because the intramural field is now being used by the FSC Soccer team.

Martin will try and implement different ideas this year. "We are offering intramural tennis this year and we are trying to get some use out of the facilities on weekends for the residence halls," said Martin. "I've been approached by Hall Councils inquiring about use of the gym and fields for dormitory team sports. Eventually, I may try to get residence hall against residence hall in intramural competition."

One of the biggest complaints on campus has been the lack of availability for open gym. Martin realizes that many students would like to see more hours, but states that basically his hands are tied. "Our main problem is that we only have one gym on campus. It houses academics, intercollegiate sports, and some intramurals. We set up the open gym schedule at the beginning of every semester based upon availability. The hours are 2:30-4:30 on weekdays and 12:00-4:00 on weekends. These are the only times available that we have for open gym," eplains Martin. "It would be nice if we had the new complex, but it certainly doesn't look promising that we will. Therfore, we have to live with what we've got."

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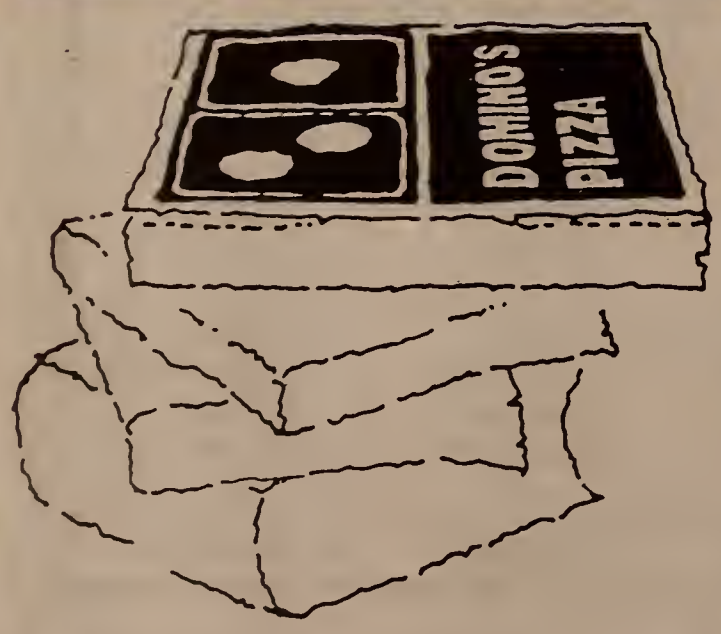

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